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Board of Vecational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians

BEFORE THE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. VN-2007-2065

DEANNA MARIE LUDLOW 914 Whitemarsh Way Modesto, CA 95356

ACCUSATION

Vocational Nurse License No. VN 192185

Respondent.

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Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. (Complainant) alleges:

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20 Officer of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians ("Board"), Department of

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JURISDICTION

192185 to Deanna Marie Ludlow ("Respondent"). The license expired on June 30, 2010, and has

PARTIES

Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive

On or about June 16, 2000, the Board issued Vocational Nurse License Number VN

3. Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 2875 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline the holder of a vocational nurse license for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2875) of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act.

4. Code section 118(b) provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. Under Code section 2892.1, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within four years after the expiration.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

5. Code section 2878 states, in pertinent part:

The Board may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 2840, et seq.)] for the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct....
- (f) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed vocational nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.
- (j) The commission of any act involving dishonesty, when that action is related to the duties and functions of the licensee.

COST RECOVERY

6. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Crimes)

- 7. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2878(f), in that she was convicted of the following crimes that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed vocational nurse:
- a. On or about May 4, 2010, in the case of *People v. Deanna Marie Ludlow*, (Super. Ct. Stanislaus County, 2010, Case No. 1414850), Respondent was convicted by the Court on her plea of nolo contendere of violating Penal Code section 459 (burglary in the second degree), a felony. The circumstances of the crime were that on or about February 17, 2010, Respondent attempted to steal various items from Home Depot totaling \$174.84.

b. On or about	July 28, 2010, in the case of <i>People v. Deanna Marie Ludlow</i> , (Super
Ct. Stanislaus County, 201	0, Case No. 1417866), Respondent was convicted by the Court on her
plea of nolo contendere of	violating Penal Code section 666 (petty theft with a prior theft related
conviction), a felony, and	Penal Code section 148 (resisting arrest), a misdemeanor. The
circumstances of the crime	were that on or about May 1, 2010, Respondent attempted to steal six
bottles of alcohol from Co	st Less Food Store. After being detained by store employees,
Respondent pulled a razor	knife from her back pocket in an attempt to harm the store employees

c. On or about March 8, 2012, in the case of *People v. Deanna Marie Ludlow*, (Super. Ct. Stanislaus County, 2011, Case No. 1440166), Respondent was convicted by the Court on her plea of nolo contendere of violating Penal Code section 496(a) (receiving stolen property), a felony. The circumstances of the crime were that on or about December 23, 2011, Respondent willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously bought, received, concealed, sold, or withheld property of another, said property having been stolen, and knowing that said property had been stolen.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Committed Acts of Dishonesty)

8. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2878(j), in that on or about February 17, 2010, May 1, 2010, and December 23, 2011, while a licensed vocational nurse, Respondent committed acts involving dishonesty, as set forth above in paragraph 9.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Director of Consumer Affairs issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Vocational Nurse License Number VN 192185, issued to Deanna Marie Ludlow;
- 2. Ordering Deanna Marie Ludlow to pay the Bureau of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Code section 125.3; and,

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